GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Rural Technology and Crafts Mela
Sreeramulu Shri B.

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR) has organised the 14th Rural Technology and Crafts Mela in Lucknow (U.P.), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has invited all States and UTs for participation in various events during the five day mela, if so, the details thereof and the response of the States/UTs thereon;

(c) whether the NIRD & PR has also organised a film festival on rural development, if so, the details and the objective thereof; and

(d) whether the NIRD & PR has invited DRDO"s former scientists who have developed nearly 17 technologies on rural people and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b): No Madam. However, the 14th Rural Technology and Crafts Mela was organised at Rural Technology Park, National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRD &PR), Hyderabad during 24-28, November, 2016. The Institute invited all the States for participation in the Mela. State- wise list of participants is at Annexure-I

(c): Yes Madam. The NIRD &PR, Hyderabad orgainsed a two-day National Level Film Festival on Rural Development on November 24 and 25, 2016 at their Campus as part of the Foundation Day Celebrations of the Institute, with the purpose to encourage amateur film makers to work in the area of Rural Development. Out of more than fifty films received, fourteen films were shortlisted and screened. Eight films were shortlisted for the contest organized under the Film Festival.

(d): Yes Madam. Rural Technology alliance was constituted with former Scientists of DRDO and other Scientists of CSIR/ICAR Institutions. Former DRDO Scientists participated in the Mela on 26.11.2016 and discussed the scope to explore the possibilities of acquiring new technologies developed by DRDO and useful for rural community which can enrich the living condition of the rural people. 12 Technologies were identified by Rural Technology Alliance (RTA) for acquiring and showcasing at Rural Technology Park, NIRD&PR, Hyderabad and thereafter for transfer to the rural areas. The technologies identified is at Annexure-II.

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